

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2011 DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

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DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
JANUARY 5, 2011

A meeting of the Design Review Board was held in the Lower Level of the Council Chambers 57 East First Street, at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Boswell - Chair
Wendy LeSueur – Vice Chair
Tom Bottomley
Greg Lambright
Dan Maldonado
Scott Marble
Andrew Call

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Lesley Davis
Debbie Archuleta
John Wesley
Tom Ellsworth
Angelica Guevara
Wahid Alam
Vince Dalke
Ralph Pew
Greg Hitchens
Patrick

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1. Work Session:

CASE: P & H Mining 112 West Iron,
(District 4)

REQUEST: Review of a 72,900 sq. ft. expansion of an existing industrial project

DISCUSSION:

Chair Craig Boswell:

- Fill in the gap in the landscaping along the west property line
- Could the tanks be moved so they are screened by the building?

Boardmember Scott Marble:

- How are they addressing the view from the freeway?

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Add landscaping along Iron; the existing landscaping is sparse add more to the existing landscaping
- Look at berming and landscaping along with the equipment they are proposing in the landscape area
- Landscaping is scattered and random it should be gridded

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- Could they do something with the north elevations with logo colors, or maybe something sculptural, something playful
- Show what you do. Be creative with the signage
- If the tanks can't be moved could they be painted yellow to go with the signage. Be playful.

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CASE: American Metals; 742 West Broadway
(District 4)

REQUEST: Review of the expansion of an existing recycling center

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- The wall along Broadway should change planes
- Liked that the fence would be allowed to weather naturally, concerned with tagging
- Liked the reserved colors
- Could the fence be a saw tooth design?
- The door patterns should be in a thought out pattern
- Could there be more of an off-set than just the 4"?

Boardmember Wendy LeSueur:

- Likes the idea of the rail road car doors
- Could the doors be angled or crossed over so they don't look propped up?
- Could they change the fence pattern as they go around the site?
- Could there be a few openings that let light in?
- Maybe a portion of the fence near the gates could be painted and have their name on it
- The fence could have visible posts

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- Agreed with Boardmember LeSueur
- The doors should be set in a formal pattern so they don't look junky
- Could they add the natural look and rusted material to the building?
- Pitched roof seems residential, it should be blocky
- Bill Thomason landscape design is very creative
- The fence is what the public will see

Boardmember Scott Marble:

- Agreed with Boardmember LeSueur
- Agreed the fence is what will be seen
- Liked the new buildings

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Great pieces; simplify them
- The windows shouldn't be in random layers
- Bring the windows all the way across
- Does the fence have to be so linear?

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- Use barrier plants like agave and century plants for added security
- The landscaping should work with the architecture of the buildings

Boardmember Andrew Call:

- Could they use a screen every 10 or 20 feet to break up the fence?
- Agree with Boardmember Maldonado, play with the fence and landscaping for security

Boardmember LeSueur:

- Use some chollas

Boardmember Maldonado:

- Golden chollas would look nice with the backdrop of the rusted fence

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CASE: Firestone; 1840 North Lindsay
(District 1)

REQUEST: Review of an 8,412 sq. ft. Firestone tire store

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- Concerned with the flatness of the elevation along Lindsay
- Would prefer the building was compatible with the retail buildings along the west of the center
- The colors are too far from the center; it is OK for the colors to be darker than the center but they should be the same family
- The rear elevation looks like knock out panels
- Could the elements vary in height like the center
- The building is stripy
- Use vertical variations

Boardmember Greg Lambright:

- Agree with staff that they should open up the lobby area and have windows
- They could use clerestory to let light in at the top of the building

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Too rhythmic
- The height restriction is a problem
- Nothing draws you to the entrance

Boardmember Andrew Call:

- Agreed that having glazing along Lindsay would add relief
- Could they put trellises or green screen every other box?

Boardmember Scott Marble:

- Too much of the same
- Liked Staffmember Alam's example

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Boardmember Bottomley;

- If they use green screen it should stand out from the walls
- They could use spandrel glass
- Could the doors be another color? White will get very dirty

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CASE: Crescent Crown; 1640 West Broadway Road
(District 3)

REQUEST: Review of a 320,253± sq. ft. office industrial building and a 10,446± sq. ft. repair shop

DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Tom Bottomley:

- Likes the crescent shaped element
- Additional height is fine because it is stepped back
- Likes the way the stone is integrated with the glass

Chair Craig Boswell:

- Well proportioned
- Looks great
- Nice human scale at entry

Boardmember Dan Maldonado:

- Building is nice
- Landscape berming needs to be in scale with the building
- Fan palms are out of scale to building

Boardmember Wendy LeSueur:

- Very nice project

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A. Call to Order:

Chair Craig Boswell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the November 3, 2011 Meeting:

On a motion by Dan Maldonado seconded by Scott Marble the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

C. Other business:

D. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Archuleta
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